

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

August 2, 1979
9:00 A.M.

Council Chambers
301 West Second Street

The meeting was called to order with Mayor McClellan presiding.

Roll Call:

Present: Mayor McClellan, Mayor Pro Tem Cooke, Councilmembers
Himmelblau, Mullen, Snell, Trevino

Absent: Councilmember Goodman

The Invocation was delivered by Reverend George Fischer, Faith
Lutheran Church.

JIM HINES DAYS

Mayor McClellan proclaimed August 16-18, 1979 as Jim Hines Days in
observance of the election of Jim Hines into the National Track and Field
Hall of Fame. Mr. Hines thanked the Mayor for the proclamation.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Mayor McClellan announced the following appointments will be made to Boards and Commissions on August 9, 1979:

On-Going Goals Assembly Committee, 1
Community Development Commission, 2
Joint Airport Zoning Board, 1
Electric Utility Commission, 3
Hospital Board, 3
Plumbing Advisory Board, 1
Employee's Retirement System of the City of Austin, 1
Arts Commission, 1
Parks and Recreation Board, 1
Renewable Energy Resources Commission, 1
Citizen's Board of Natural Resources and Environmental Quality, 1
Board of Adjustment, 1
Energy Conservation Commission, 1

MINUTES APPROVED

Councilmember Himmelblau moved that the Council approve the Minutes for July 26, 1979 and Special Meeting of July 18, 1979. The motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cooke, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor McClellan, Mayor Pro Tem Cooke, Councilmembers
Himmelblau, Snell, Trevino
Noes: None
Abstain: Councilmember Mullen
Absent: Councilmember Goodman

LEASE AGREEMENT

Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council adopt a resolution to authorize execution of a Lease Agreement between the City of Austin and the Austin Municipal Federal Credit Union for space in the Municipal Annex. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Mullen, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Cooke, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Mullen,
Snell, Trevino, Mayor McClellan
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Goodman

WALLER CREEK GREENBELT

Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council adopt a resolution to acquire certain land for the Waller Creek Greenbelt. (CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT NO. 75/86-44)

All of the West 34.22 feet of Lot 10, Block 63 of the resubdivision of Block 63, Original City of Austin. (Harry D. Grief and Sidney B. Grief)

The motion, seconded by Councilmember Mullen, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Cooke, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Mullen, Snell, Trevino, Mayor McClellan

Noes: None

Absent: Councilmember Goodman

RELEASE OF EASEMENTS

Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council adopt a resolution to release the following easements:

Portions of two seven and one-half (7.50') foot Drainage Easements out of Lots 12 and 13, Block D. Southampton Section One. (Requested by Bryant-Curington, Inc., Representing Bill Milburn, Inc., Owner)

The motion, seconded by Councilmember Mullen, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Cooke, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Mullen, Snell, Trevino, Mayor McClellan

Noes: None

Absent: Councilmember Goodman

Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council adopt a resolution to release the following easements:

A seven and one-half (7.50') foot Public Utility Easement on either side of the common lot lines of Lot 5 and 6, Resubdivision of Lot 2, Stone Subdivision, Travis County, Texas. (Requested by Mr. William M. Brooks, representing Mr. E.E. Epperson, owner)

The motion, seconded by Councilmember Mullen, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Cooke, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Mullen, Snell, Trevino, Mayor McClellan

Noes: None

Absent: Councilmember Goodman

AIRPORT WEST SIDE TERMINAL RAMP

Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council adopt a resolution to approve a Construction Change Order in the amount of \$16,172.00 to Olmos Construction Company, for Robert Mueller Municipal Airport West Side Terminal Ramp, Taxiway "E" Extension and Tie-Down Area. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM NO. 78/81-01 and 78/81-05: The motion, seconded by Councilmember Mullen, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Cooke, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Mullen,
Snell, Trevino, Mayor McClellan
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Goodman

WASTEWATER APPROACH MAIN CONTRACT

Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council adopt a resolution to approve the following Wastewater Approach Main Contract:

TRAMMELL CROW COMPANY

- For construction of a wastewater approach main to serve McNeil Road Commercial Subdivision - \$32,450.00 Cost participation by the City will be \$16,225.00

The motion, seconded by Councilmember Mullen, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Cooke, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Mullen,
Snell, Trevino, Mayor McClellan
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Goodman

LICENSE AGREEMENT - MISSOURI PACIFIC RAILROAD

Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council adopt a resolution to enter into a License Agreement with the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company for the purpose of installing a 12-inch water line beneath Missouri Pacific's Bergstrom Spur at Engineer's Chainage Station 119+41. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Mullen, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Cooke, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Mullen,
Snell, Trevino, Mayor McClellan
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Goodman

CROSSING 69 KV POWER LINE

Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council adopt a resolution to approve for crossing of 69 KV power line above Missouri Pacific's right-of-way at Berstrom spur, Engineer's Chainage Station 144+53, Travis County, Texas at Austin. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Mullen, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Cooke, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Mullen,
Snell, Trevino, Mayor McClellan
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Goodman

CONTRACTS APPROVED

Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council adopt a resolution approving the following contracts:

Bid Award:	- CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM - Air Switches, Electric Utility Department. C.I.P. Nos. 79/35-01 77/35-05, 77/35-06 & 77/35-03
GOULD-BROWN-BOVERI 813 Roland Road Houston, Texas	- Item 1 - 5 ea. @ \$3,078.00 Total \$15,390.00
TECHLINE, INC. 8750 Shoal Creek Blvd. Austin, Texas	- Item 2 - 7 ea. @ \$4,189.00 Item 3 - 10 ea. @ \$2,711.00 Total \$56,433.00

The motion, seconded by Councilmember Mullen, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Cooke, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Mullen,
Snell, Trevino, Mayor McClellan
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Goodman

Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council adopt a resolution approving the following contract:

ORION RESEARCH 380 Putnam Avenue Cambridge, Massachusetts	- Three Sodium Ion Analyzers and One Calibrator, Electric Utility Department Item 1 - 3 ea. @ \$3,500.00 Item 2 - 1 ea. @ \$ 663.00 Total \$11,163.00
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The motion, seconded by Councilmember Mullen, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Cooke, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Mullen,
Snell, Trevino, Mayor McClellan
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Goodman

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Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council adopt a resolution approving the following contract:

Bid Award:	- CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - Surge Arresters, Electric Utility Department.
WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC 201 North St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas	- Item 1 - 18 ea. @ \$5,898.00 Total \$106,164.00
MCGRAW-EDISON COMPANY 2821 Randol Mill Road Arlington, Texas	- Item 2 - 18 ea. @ \$2,233.00 Total \$40,194.00

The motion, seconded by Councilmember Mullen, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Cooke, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Mullen,
Snell, Trevino, Mayor McClellan
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Goodman

Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council adopt a resolution approving the following contract:

SIGMOR REFINING COMPANY 3643 East Commerce Street San Antonio, Texas	- Diesel Fuel No. 2, Electric Utility Department 50,000 gallons @ \$.7744/gal. Total \$38,720.00
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The motion, seconded by Councilmember Mullen, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Cooke, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Mullen,
Snell, Trevino, Mayor McClellan
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Goodman

Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council adopt a resolution approving the following contract:

BOYERTOWN BODY AND EQUIPMENT COMPANY Boyertown, Pennsylvania	- Chassis and Van Body, Vehicle & Equipment Services Department. Item 1 - 1 ea. - \$21,445.72
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The motion, seconded by Councilmember Mullen, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Cooke, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Mullen,
Snell, Trevino, Mayor McClellan
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Goodman

Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council adopt a resolution approving the following contracts:

Bid Award:	- Microfiche Reader/Printer and Microfiche Readers, Finance Department.
3M BUSINESS PRODUCTS 1948 South Interregional Highway Austin, Texas	- Item 1 - 5 @ \$1,530.52 ea. Total \$9,951.35
TEXAS MICROFILM, INC. 1948 South Interregional Highway Austin, Texas	- Item 2 - 67 @ \$192.50 ea. Item 3 - 19 @ \$218.50 ea. Total \$17,049.00

The motion, seconded by Councilmember Mullen, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Cooke, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Mullen, Snell, Trevino, Mayor McClellan
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Goodman

Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council adopt a resolution approving the following contract:

M.G. BRAVO CONSTRUCTION COMPANY 320 Zapata Highway Laredo, Texas	- CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM - Federal Aviation Administration Flight Service Building - \$612,400.00 C.I.P. No. 73/81-03
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The motion, seconded by Councilmember Mullen, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Cooke, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Mullen, Snell, Trevino, Mayor McClellan
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Goodman

(Mayor Pro Tem Cooke inquired if this was the offset location. Mr. Eldridge, Director, Office of Facilities, Planning & Construction, told him this is for the flight service training center on the Airport Blvd. side and not the Tracon Building.)

Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council adopt a resolution approving the following contracts:

- Bid Award: - Firemen and EMS Personnel Uniforms, Central Stores Division.
- THE WHALE - Items 1, 2, 5 & 6 - \$36,354.00
1906 Guadalupe
Austin, Texas
- KAUFMAN UNIFORM - Items 7-10 - \$37,637.50
926 Fredericksburg Road
San Antonio, Texas

The motion, seconded by Councilmember Mullen, carried by the following vote:

- Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Cooke, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Mullen, Snell, Trevino, Mayor McClellan
- Noes: None
- Absent: Councilmember Goodman

Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council adopt a resolution approving the following contract:

- HART GRAPHICS - Printing of Hematology and Inpatient Registration Forms for Brackenridge
8000 Shoal Creek Boulevard - Item 1 & 3 - \$9,655.30
Austin, Texas

The motion, seconded by Councilmember Mullen, carried by the following vote:

- Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Cooke, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Mullen, Snell, Trevino, Mayor McClellan
- Noes: None
- Absent: Councilmember Goodman

Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council adopt a resolution approving the following contract:

- OLMOS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM-
P.O. Box 13172 Asphaltic Concrete Overlay of
Austin, Texas Airport Blvd. to East 45th St. -
\$167,780.00 C.I.P. No. 78/62-16

The motion, seconded by Councilmember Mullen, carried by the following vote:

- Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Cooke, Councilmembers Himmeblau, Mullen, Snell, Trevino, Mayor McClellan
- Noes: None
- Absent: Councilmember Goodman

Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council adopt a resolution approving the following contract:

AUSTIN ROAD COMPANY
428 East Anderson Lane
Austin, Texas

- CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM -
Stassney Lane, Phase II -
\$1,024,183.25 C.I.P. No. 73/62-30

The motion, seconded by Councilmember Mullen, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Cooke, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Mullen,
Snell, Trevino, Mayor McClellan

Noes: None

Absent: Councilmember Goodman

(Mayor Pro Tem Cooke questioned if the 8 months schedule, which included winter months, would be enough time. Mr. German, Director, Public Works, told him the 8 months is 240 working days, which equals one year, and the work can be accomplished in that time.)

Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council adopt a resolution approving the following contract:

JENTSCH-BOYD CONSTRUCTION
P.O. Box 3343
Austin, Texas

- CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM -
Community Development District #12
Miscellaneous Drainage Improvements
Canal and Fairway Street Easement -
\$64,061.90 C.I.P. Nos. 77/70-01
& 77/70-03

The motion, seconded by Councilmember Mullen, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Cooke, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Mullen,
Snell, Trevino, Mayor McClellan

Noes: None

Absent: Councilmember Goodman

TECHNICAL STUDIES GRANT

Councilmember Trevino moved the Council adopt a resolution to apply to Urban Mass Transportation Administration for a technical studies grant in the amount of \$60,000. (Total \$75,000; \$60,000 Federal and \$15,000 In-Kind) The motion, seconded by Councilmember Mullen, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Cooke, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Mullen,
Snell, Trevino, Mayor McClellan

Noes: None

Absent: Councilmember Goodman

SOUTHWESTERN BELL'S RATE INCREASE

Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council adopt a resolution to authorize the city's participation, along with other cities, in Texas Public Utility Commission's consideration of Southwestern Bell's rate increase request filed with the Public Utility Commission, June 28, 1979. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Mullen, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Cooke, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Mullen,
Snell, Trevino, Mayor McClellan
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Goodman

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ACTUARIAL
SERVICES

Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council adopt a resolution to amend an agreement with Charles Edwards, Inc. for actuarial services for the Medical Assistance Program. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Mullen, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Cooke, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Mullen,
Snell, Trevino, Mayor McClellan
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Goodman

LOVACA SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council adopt a resolution to authorize an amendment to the LoVaca Settlement Agreement. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Mullen, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Cooke, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Mullen,
Snell, Trevino, Mayor McClellan
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Goodman

ORDINANCE AMENDED

Mayor McClellan introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 761014-K, ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN ON OCTOBER 14, 1976, BY CORRECTING THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY ZONED BY SAID ORDINANCE AND BY ADDING A HEIGHT AND AREA DESIGNATION TO SAID ORDINANCE; SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Dos Banderos, C14h/74-04)

Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council waive the requirement for three readings, declare an emergency and finally pass the ordinance. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Mullen, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Cooke, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Mullen,
Snell, Trevino, Mayor McClellan
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Goodman

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

FIELD NOTES CORRECTED

Mayor McClellan introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 790208-F, ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FEBRUARY 8, 1979, BY CORRECTING THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY ZONED BY SAID ORDINANCE; SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (James L. Lozier, C14-78-235)

Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council waive the requirement for three readings, declare an emergency and finally pass the ordinance. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Mullen, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Cooke, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Mullen,
Snell, Trevino, Mayor McClellan
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Goodman

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

NAME CHANGE

Mayor McClellan introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE NAME OF A STREET FROM HIGH MOUNTAIN DRIVE TO FALL TRAIL; SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council waive the requirement for three readings, declare an emergency and finally pass the ordinance. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Mullen, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Cooke, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Mullen,
Snell, Trevino, Mayor McClellan

Noes: None

Absent: Councilmember Goodman

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

BOND SALE SET

Mayor McClellan introduced the following ordinance:

Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council waive the requirement for three readings, declare an emergency and finally pass the ordinance. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Mullen, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Cooke, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Mullen,
Snell, Trevino, Mayor McClellan

Noes: None

Absent: Councilmember Goodman

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

\$60,000,000 CITY OF AUSTIN UTILITY SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 6

\$10,000,000	Electric System - Fayette	Auth. 1-20-79
47,000,000	Electric System - Nuclear	Auth. 4-7-79
3,000,000	Electric System Improvements	Auth. 1-20-79

\$8,800,000 CITY OF AUSTIN GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, VAR. PURPOSE, SER 259

\$ 900,000	Fire Stations	Auth. 12-6-75
2,000,000	Parks & Recreation	Auth. 12-6-75
250,000	Fire Stations	Auth. 1-20-79
1,300,000	Hospital	Auth. 1-20-79
1,070,000	Drainage	Auth. 1-20-79
300,000	Emergency Medical Services	Auth. 1-20-79
2,100,000	Police Building	Auth. 1-20-79
480,000	Public Works Service Center	Auth. 1-20-79
400,000	Traffic Signals	Auth. 1-20-79

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE POSTPONED

Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council postpone until August 9, 1979 the third reading of Ordinance amending the 1976 Austin City Code (Zoning Ordinance) to cover the following change:

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	2305-2333 Columbus	From Interim "A" Residence
HOME ASSOCIATION		1st Height and Area
By Jeryl D. Hart		To "A" Residence
C14-79-042		1st Height and Area

The motion, seconded by Councilmember Mullen, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Cooke, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Mullen, Snell, Trevino, Mayor McClellan
 Noes: None
 Absent: Councilmember Goodman

ZONING ORDINANCES

Mayor McClellan brought up the following ordinance for its third reading:

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A CHANGE IN USE AND HEIGHT AND AREA AND CHANGING THE USE AND HEIGHT AND AREA MAPS ACCOMPANYING CHAPTER 45 OF THE AUSTIN CITY CODE OF 1967 AS FOLLOWS:

LOT 1, REINDALE ACRES, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 9310 NORTH INTERREGIONAL HIGHWAY 35, FROM "GR" GENERAL RETAIL, FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT TO "GR" GENERAL RETAIL, SECOND HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT; SAID PROPERTY BEING LOCATED IN AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Ramada Inn, Inc. C14-79-097)

The ordinance was read the third time, and Councilmember Trevino moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Mullen, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Cooke, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Mullen, Snell, Trevino, Mayor McClellan

Noes: None

Absent: Councilmember Goodman

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

(Mayor Pro Tem Cooke questioned the change in Height and Area for The Ramada Inn. Mr. Lillie, Director of Planning, told him change was for the sign for the Inn.)

Mayor McClellan brought up the following ordinance for its third reading.

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A CHANGE IN USE AND HEIGHT AND AREA AND CHANGING THE USE AND HEIGHT AND AREA MAPS ACCOMPANYING CHAPTER 45 OF THE AUSTIN CITY CODE OF 1967 AS FOLLOWS:

A 0.68 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 1602 EAST 1ST STREET, (WOLF HOUSE) FROM "C" COMMERCIAL, FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT TO "C-H" COMMERCIAL-HISTORIC, FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT; SAID PROPERTY BEING LOCATED IN AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Wolf House, C14h-77-044)

The ordinance was read the third time, and Councilmember Trevino moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Mullen, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Cooke, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Mullen, Snell, Trevino, Mayor McClellan

Noes: None

Absent: Councilmember Goodman

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor McClellan brought up the following ordinance for its third reading:

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A CHANGE IN USE AND HEIGHT AND AREA AND CHANGING THE USE AND HEIGHT AND AREA MAPS ACCOMPANYING CHAPTER 45 OF THE AUSTIN CITY CODE OF 1967 AS FOLLOWS:

AN APPROXIMATE 6,820 SQUARE FOOT TRACT OF LAND, BEING A PORTION OF OUTLOT 7, (HUSTON-TILLOTSON CAMPUS), FROM "B" RESIDENCE, SECOND HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT TO "B-H" RESIDENCE-HISTORIC, SECOND HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT; SAID PROPERTY BEING LOCATED IN AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Evans Hall, C14h-79-012)

The ordinance was read the third time, and Councilmember Trevino moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Mullen, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Cooke, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Mullen,
Snell, Trevino, Mayor McClellan

Noes: None

Absent: Councilmember Goodman

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

MAYOR'S ECONOMIC TASK FORCE REPORT

The Mayor's Economic Task Force presented Phase 1-A of their report. Mayor McClellan said she had appointed this task force so the citizens would know, not just from the City Manager, Mayor, Council and staff, what the city's financial picture is, but from other citizens as well. She introduced the members of the Task Force, who were present in the Council Chamber. They were: Tim Ruefli, Chairman; Lynn Anderson, Chris Harte, Wayne Huffman, Bill Milstead, Dorothy Rowland and William Shropshire. Members who were not present are Tom Backus, Eldon Bebee, and Wayne Riddell.

MR. TIM RUEFLI stated: "When this Task Force was appointed an article appeared in the Daily Texan quoting the Mayor as saying the appointments were for five years. I should have taken that more seriously than I did at the time. It's been a year and six months, and as you can see by the title on the report this is Phase I-A, which means Phase I-B is yet to come. We split the task before us into two phases, phase I was to be an examination of the current activities of the city in a financial sense and Phase II was to be the long-range aspects. We further split Phase I into two parts, one is what you have, which is a report on the financial status of the city. Phase 1-B is a report on the management practices and policies of the city. We have done much of the research on that but have not written it.This report does three types of things. First, it compiles factual evidence that leads to the conclusion that the City of Austin is in very good condition. Secondly, it develops a set of observations and recommendations that are intended to maintain and improve this condition. Thirdly,

and we feel this a most important point, it compiles in one spot financial data on the city in a comprehensive fashion. So there is one volume that currently covers the financial status of the city. The most important overall conclusion is that the financial status of the city is good. We are in sound condition. What that implies is for the most part we should keep doing what we are presently doing. We have some modifications which we feel will be improvements.These recommendations are in addition to what has been going on. In many cases, where we have put a number in, these numbers are a rule of thumb. They are our best judgement and if in some cases you would ask the committee to justify why we picked 20% rather than 25% I'm sure we could not say if it were 25% things would fall apart. These are rules of thumb and we feel good general guidelines.

"With regard to General Government, our study indicates that the tax and debt elements appear to be good when measured against several tests. Effective tax rate paid by Austin taxpayers are, we estimate, near the average of those paid by other major Texas cities. This is especially true after the revaluation. Austin is well within its legal debt limit and its overlapping debt compared to other Texas cities show Austin to be about in the middle. The debt service requirement for General Obligation debt expressed as a percentage of annual resources falls well within acceptable limits.

"With regard to Revenue Sharing, there's been a growing dependence on Revenue Sharing and on special grants from Federal and State sources for many on-going General Government Services. While this does not effect the current financial position, continued dependence on varying and unreliable funding levels could be a problem in the future. We feel this is especially true with regard to General Revenue Sharing Funds.We ought to look at General Revenue Sharing funds and say, 'If those funds were cut off tomorrow, could the city easily pick up that difference, or would we easily drop that program. Those are the criteria. If it's a matter that we could not easily make up that difference or we could not easily drop that program, then to fund General Operating expenses out of Revenue Sharing funds seems to be a risky maneuver.

"With regard to the use of Utility Transfer, we regard this as a sound policy and a major source of total General Government Resources. This contributes almost half as much as property taxes.

"With regard to cash management and non-property tax resources, we found the cash management program has done exceedingly well with virtually all the city's balances placed in safe liquid investments, earning interest at competitive rates. All in all it approximates 99.9%. Non-property tax sources provide more than half of the funds for the operation of General Government. While there are no known bench-marks on how much these sources should provide, Austin does compare favorably with other Texas cities in this regard.

"With regard to bond ratings, the strong market for Austin's General Obligation bonds continues to verify that Austin's General Government finances are highly regarded in investment circles. Their bonds have continued to sell at more favorable rates than their AAA ratings might indicate, reflecting outsiders opinions of Austin's historical and projected growth and the ability of its citizens to pay their obligations. We find there are other favorable factors involved. Among these are (1) both the City Charter and the State Law prohibit the city from deficit financing; (2) the City of Austin does not have automatic escalators in either its payroll system or in its Retirement System.

"With regard to recommendations ...On fund balances, we recommend the City Council should budget and maintain an ending fund balance of approximately 5% of the year's General Government expenditures, excluding the Capital Projects Fund. This level should provide a safe source of operating and contingency funds, while it avoids maintaining an unnecessarily large reserve at the taxpayers expense. Excess revenues in any year should be used for debt service, future capital outlays, or reductions in taxes. These excess revenues should not be used as an excuse for increased operating expenditures in subsequent years.

"Specifically, with regard to General Revenue Sharing Funds, we recommend they should be used only in cases where the City is willing to commit to such a program without Federal funding, or is willing to drop a program if Federal funding is not forthcoming.

"With regard to the use of interest on General Obligation Bonds we recommend the city discontinue the practice of funding current operating expenses with interest income earned on General Obligation Debt Service funds. Such interest income should be retained in the Debt Service Fund.

"With regard to the relation between the General Fund and the Utilities...We suggest that in the preparation of the City Budget, not only for in-house use but also for presentation to the public, the General Government Section of the budget should be separated completely from the Utility Section in so far as is legally permissible. The principle reason for this is to isolate those General Government Services that are normally expected from Municipal Government and to budget the expenditure of those services against the revenues from taxes levied to pay for them.

"With regard to the allocation of Capital Costs, we recommend that to reflect the full cost of each city activity capital requirements for each program or activity be approximately reflected by allocating to it the current debt service charges attributable to the original asset acquisition. This will give a better understanding of what our commitments are in various areas.

"With regard to the non-utility governmental enterprises, which are currently composed of those non-utility governmental activities deriving a significant proportion of their revenue from direct fees paid by the public, which means they are currently the hospital, transit system, the airport, the auditorium and convention center, the Emergency Medical Service,

and public golf enterprises. We find that several of these enterprises have been major drains on the city resources in the past and could again pose problems in the future. Due to the magnitude of their capital operating budget, the hospital, which has shown very good recent improvement and the transit system, deserve close monitoring. The EMS represents a possible moderate financial liability in our estimation, while the auditorium/convention center and public golf courses are minor sources of possible financial exposure.

"Specific recommendations are, with regard to the hospital, we recommend that it be accounted for as a true enterprise fund, with charity costs identified and billed to the city as a separate item.

"With regard to the transit system, the Task Force recommends the City Council initiate a study of the trends of operations to determine both the level of future financial exposure and alternative ways of reducing the ways between costs and revenues. Here is another case where we are highly dependent on Federal funds. If for some reason they are terminated we have to determine whether we can pick up the difference or if we can easily terminate that program.

"We think EMS should be reinstated as an Enterprise Fund to provide better accountability for its revenues and expenditures. All costs in revenues, direct and indirect should be noted in the EMS accounts and the financial objective of the Enterprise Fund should be to cover with fees for services as far as reasonable the cost of the Enterprise. To this end we further recommend the EMS charity cases be identified as such and billed to the General Fund. All non-charity cases should pay for services received and normal billing practices should be followed to collect amounts owed.

"With regard to the airport, we recommend that charges for airport services, including landing fees, rental fees and concession fees should be sufficient to cover all costs, both direct and indirect of the airport. This is currently the case. Should a new airport be necessary, we believe consideration should be given to furnish its capital needs by the issuance of Revenue Bonds rather than General Obligation Bonds.

"With regard to the golf enterprise, we recommend that a Recreation Enterprise Fund be established as a means to achieve better financial information and control in this area. The Enterprise should include golf, tennis, swimming softball and any other recreational activity for which the city collects fees.

"With regard to the auditorium/convention center, we recommend the city attempt to make it self supporting in so far as possible without pricing the facilities out of the market.

"In general, we recommend all government activities involving both significant capital investment and significant derived from fees for services should be established and maintained as Enterprise Funds should undergo an annual re-examination of fees to insure they are kept commensurate with the costs and with service provided. Where enterprise funds do not have sufficient revenues to cover all costs, both direct and indirect, for providing

services, a specific amount of subsidy to cover the expected deficit should be budgeted and voted on by the Council for each Enterprise Fund. This should be done in advance.

"With regard to the Utility Enterprisesin general we conclude that the debt of the City of Austin Electric Utility System has continued to increase, not only in dollar terms but also relative to the city's equity in the system. We recognize this increase as a result of national legislation discouraging the use of natural gas and oil and electric generation and previous Texas Railroad Commission orders mandating the curtailment of natural gases of oil or fuel, and also from the need to diversify to nationally available, more economical fuel sources. We feel the city should be aware Capital costs must be paid, even if a major energy break-through occurs. Therefore the city should thoroughly investigate the possible use of synthetic fuels, the use of oil and gas units for peaking purposes, and other concepts which will enable us to limit future capital costs to the combined use of existing facilities. The continuing reliability of the Austin Electric System is crucial. Projections of future capacity needs must be closely monitored and adjusted for growth and economic conditions in order that this public responsibility be maintained.

"With regard to bond ratings in the utility area we find historically these bond ratings have been generally higher than similar bonds for most other cities or privately owned utilities. Senior debt in this area has received "AA" ratings while junior debt has received "A-1" ratings. The higher ratings for revenue bonds have meant that Austin utility customers have been spared the additional burden of higher interest payments as part of their utility bills. With respect to bond maturities, we find the use of bonds with no more than 25 year maturities to finance the capital needs of the city utilities is a positive factor in the utilities financial picture. In general, the capital assets purchased with the proceeds of these 25 year bonds have an estimated useful life exceeding 25 years. This of course means the current customers are in part financing tomorrows customers but it is felt the possible inequity involved is more than compensated for by the reduced financial risk of the shorter term bond. We recommend in the utility area that capital accounts which are presently maintained for the system as a whole in this case it's possible to determine that the city's capital investment depreciation interest and principle payments as opposed to the General Government activities of the city.....we feel that this is not possible with the individual utilities and separate capital accounts should be maintained here. That means that we recommend separate accounts for the capital investment depreciation and principle and interest requirements for the electric system, the water system, and for the wastewater system. We also recommend the city closely examine the results of the summer/winter rate structure to determine: (1) To what extent the expected benefits are being realized, and (2) Whether those benefits outweigh the resulting fluctuation of city revenues. We also recommend that with regard to the accelerating decline in equity in relation to debt in recent years that this problem be addressed and long-range plans made to (a) arrest the decline and (b) after the present construction phase is completed, restore the equity to a more conservative financial position in relation to debt. At this time we have about 60% debt. That's on the high end of utility

averages across the country.

"With regard to other issues, we find the city employment/retirement programs are well managed and are on a sound actuarial basis. However, since they represent substantial future commitments additional studies should be made of the appropriateness of the total retirement package, cost, social security, and benefits over a multi-year period. We have also prepared a series of financial guidelines we recommend to you for your adoption. The guidelines are based in part in similar guidelines adopted by other cities. Notably, Dallas. We formulated 12 guidelines and feel adoption and adherence to these guidelines, while not absolute guarantees of perpetual fiscal perfection, should assist the city government and its citizens in achieving high quality, safe and stable financial operations in the years ahead. Our recommendations are:

1. Current general government revenues should be sufficient to support current general government expenditures and provide a year end fund balance of approximately 5% of the year's general government expenditures.
2. Debt should not be used for current expenses.
3. All retirement systems should be financed in a manner to systematically fund liabilities. The city should assure that sufficient funds are provided to pay current service, plus interest on unfunded liabilities plus amortization of the unfunded liabilities over a programmed period.
4. Actuary analysis should be performed on all retirement systems. Adjustments and benefits should be authorized only after meeting the test of actuarial soundness.
5. Each of the following enterprises of the city, electric, water, and wastewater, airport, sanitation, hospital and others that may be designated should maintain user charge revenues, which support the full cost of the enterprise insofar as possible.

"Guidelines with respect to capital and debt management are:

1. Any capital project financed through the issuance of bonds shall be financed for a period not to exceed the expected useful life of the project.
2. The net, the non-self supporting general obligation debt of Austin should not exceed 6% of the true market valuation, or 8% of the assessed valuation of the property taxable by the City of Austin.
3. The total direct, plus overlapping debt should be managed so it will not exceed 10% of the market valuation of the property taxable by the City of Austin. All debt which causes total direct, plus overlapping debt to exceed 8% of market valuation should be carefully planned and coordinated with all overlapping jurisdictions.

4. The average, that is the weighted average, General Obligation Bond maturities should be kept at or below 12 years.
5. The total General Obligation Debt should be managed to remain below 3 times the total annual locally generated non-enterprise operating revenue.
6. Annual General Obligation debt service should not exceed 20% of the total locally generated non-enterprise rating revenue.
7. The per capita General Obligation debt should be managed so as to not exceed 10% of the latest authoritative computation of Austin's per capita and annual personal income.

"These are the highlights of the conclusions and recommendations of the report. You will find that in the major sections of the report there is much more detailed recommendations and there is evidence to support our conclusions about the financial condition of the city and to back our conclusions and recommendations."

Mayor McClellan stated she is tremendously pleased with the quality of the report. She said their timing couldn't be better because we are in tough budgetary times and they have been provided with guidelines comparing Austin with other cities that we have not had before. She continued, "I'd like to make two requests, one is of the task force, the other is of the staff: (1) Because of how worthwhile this information is to us I would like the task force to continue and complete the second part of Phase I, which is addressing the financial management policies of the city. If staff could work in advance of your task force with some written descriptions in this area, I would like to see you go back to it on January 1, 1980 for completion of the rest of Phase I and complete it by April 1. I would like to add two or three more persons to the task force and provide you with the necessary staff support you need. (2) The report is worth keeping updated on an annual basis. I'd like to see a time table provided to Council to consider the various recommendations that are in this report. Beside the timetable, and the recommendations....maybe a timetable to show which ones are being addressed and which ones we need to consider when, and also reminders as we go through the budget process, a reminder of the guidelines and where we stand....so we can start addressing some of those areas that really need attention."

Motion

Mayor Pro Tem Cooke moved that the Council request the Task Force to continue Phase I, part 2, on January 1, 1980, and finish by April 1, 1980; staff to work in advance of task force with written descriptions; add two or three more persons to Mayor's Economic Task Force; and keep report updated on an annual basis with timetable provided to Council to consider recommendations of the report. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Snell, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Himmelblau, Mullen, Snell, Trevino, Mayor McClellan, Mayor Pro Tem Cooke
 Noes: None
 Absent: Councilmember Goodman

Mayor Pro Tem Cooke expressed his pleasure with the report and conveyed his feelings to the staff also.

At time of roll call the following comments were made:

Councilmember Himmelblau: I too would like to say thank you and I'm particularly pleased to see the separation of the enterprise funds.

Councilmember Mullen: I hope we have the guts to implement it.

Mayor Pro Tem Cooke: With my yes I'd also like to salute our Mayor who initiated this.

SEWER ALONG WALNUT CREEK

MR. JOHN GRAY, MR. GEORGE SEAGERT and MR. BILL SANSING, representing property owners along Walnut Creek. They all discussed the need for it to enhance the property and requested the sewer continuation be moved ahead in priority in the Capital Improvements Program. Mayor McClellan asked Mr. Davidson, City Manager, to look at this request and see if it can be moved up in priority. She asked him to report back to Council and also give a copy of his report to Messrs. Gray, Seagert and Sansing.

Mr. Davidson stated: "Some parts of the project they are discussing is now currently funded in the C.I.P., right-of-way acquisition is under way for the easements, the design work on some of it is almost ready to award a contract on. We need to see if we can't speed up a second part and then the third portion which Mr. Gray talked about. We'll work up a City Manager Report we can put on a future agenda and advise Council what our current projections are, when it can be done, and then if Council wants to make adjustments they can."

Mayor Pro Tem Cooke said he wanted a clarification. "We're talking about coming down Walnut Creek to a point where a lift station will lift over into Little Walnut Creek and what I understand they are talking about is proceeding down Big Walnut Creek on to the Walnut Creek Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant." Mr. Davidson said, "They are talking about two things. They would like to have what's in the CIP expedited and speeded up, and I'll let Mr. Johnson speak to the lift."

Mr. Curtis Johnson, Director of Water and Wastewater, stated, "The portion of the Walnut Creek Wastewater Project which is proceeding at this time is in the portion of the watershed from Dessau Road to the west. Very close to Dessau Road there will be a lift station constructed. The sewage from the Big Walnut Creek drainage area pumped into the Little Walnut Creek drainage area. I think the portion of the project that these gentlemen are most interested in is the portion of the project which is not in the CIP at the present time. It is downstream from the section which is apparently being planned. When it is constructed it will relieve the need of the lift station previously mentioned near Dessau Road. I think to maintain the tight timing we need to maintain the portion now considered we could not, under any circumstances wait, I don't think, to construct the lower portion to preclude needing to build the lift station...initially, anyway. The portion of the service area in which these gentlemen are interested in providing service

is all downstream from the Dessau Road crossing of the creek and generally south-easterly from the portion of the drainage area which will be provided service first."

City Manager Davidson will bring back a report to Council.

CHARGE FOR CITY PUBLICATIONS

MS. MARILYN SIMPSON, president, Austin Neighborhood Council, appeared before Council to discuss the city's policy to charge for city publications. She spoke against the charge because she felt it too difficult to go to the library and peruse the several copies of the publications kept there and in city offices. She felt the timing of the charge is bad because there are more neighborhood associations than ever before.

Mayor McClellan told her she had answered her own question. If the 60-70 associations wanted a copy of the budget, which costs the city \$15.00 to print, that would be a total cost to the city of \$1,000.00. Mayor Pro Tem Cooke, said the setting of a fee on a document should be the decision of the Council. He felt it should be deliberated at budget time, and in the meantime, rescind the fee.

Mr. Davidson stated, "Ultimately, I agree with Mr. Cooke, that as a part of the budget or any other time Council can take some action in this area. But the City Charter also specifies that 'if at any time during the fiscal year the City Manager shall ascertain that available revenue shall be less than total appropriations for the year, he shall reconsider work and allotment for the departments and agencies etc...etc....' If we printed 100 extra copies of some 250 reports that we have done just this year, we're talking about \$47,500 just for those 100 extra copies. One key that Ms. Simpson talked about is very difficult to tell just how many extra copies need to be printed in order to accommodate all the requests that come in. 'I'll be happy to abide by whatever the Council wants to do in this area, but the fact is that for the kind of budget and revenue constraints that this city is facing, I had to take this kind of action in response to the City Charter obligation that I happen to have. If this were the only action we took I could certainly understand some concern about it, but I asked all Municipal Departments to cut back in every possible way they could between now and the last day of the fiscal year. And that's about the only method available to us in order to deliver a proposed balanced budget to the City Council for the next fiscal year. I'm not here to argue about the point. I simply want the record to reflect, and want Ms. Simpson and others to know where we were coming from, and we could enumerate 40 or 50 other specific changes that I've taken on an administrative basis in order to conserve dollars in the current budget."

Councilmember Trevino expressed his opinion that the charge should be rescinded and thought the neighborhood groups could share their copies of city documents. Councilmember Himmelblau stated she is one of the people who used to use the library for the budget document before it could be checked out and could see no hardship in individuals having to use the library.

Mr. Daron Butler, Budget Director, stated the second largest item in his department is printing. He is right at his budgetary limit and by the time the budget is printed his balance will be zero. Councilmember Snell said he has some questions and suggested this item should be brought back for a vote. Ms. Simpson had pointed out the documents could be printed cheaper if they did not have pictures, blank pages, and expensive bindings. Mayor Pro Tem Cooke suggested the price for printing should be checked and Councilmember Mullen suggested the city look into using newspaper print for the printing of documents.

Mayor McClellan said, "I want to know specifically and very clearly what we need to do in the way of amending budget...we're always jumping on the Manager for deviating, and when he sticks to the Charter...I thought I heard Council say this should be a Council decision but the Manager has a responsibility under that Charter when you're exceeding those budgetary limitations. I can remember any number of instances and steps we've taken the last two years to make sure that the Manager sticks absolutely to the letter of that Charter, so I want to be very clear about what his responsibilities are and I want you to address that, Mr. City Manager, and what would be necessary in the way of declaring an emergency and amending the budget." Mr. Davidson said the report will be ready.

Motion - No Vote Taken

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cooke, seconded by Councilmember Trevino to bring the report back next week. Mr. Albert DeLaRosa, Assistant City Attorney, said a vote was not necessary.

BEER/WINE PERMIT

Mayor Pro Tem Cooke moved that the Council approve the request of Mr. Richard L. Lovelace, owner of Texas Cattle Company Restaurant, for sale of beer and wine within 300 feet of a church. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Trevino, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Snell, Trevino, Mayor McClellan, Mayor Pro Tem Cooke, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Mullen

Noes: None

Absent: Councilmember Goodman

CITIZEN DID NOT APPEAR

Mr. Bill Oliver, Coalition for Vital Revitalization, who had requested to appear before Council, did not do so.

ZONING HEARING

Mayor McClellan opened the public hearing, scheduled for 10:00 A.M. on the following application. Pursuant to published notice thereof, the following zoning was publicly heard:

JOHM P. NIEMAN
By Larry Nieman
C14-79-024

12828-12900 Research
Boulevard
8657 Spicewood Springs
Road

From Interim "AA" Residence
1st Height and Area
To "GR" General Retail
1st Height and Area
RECOMMENDED by the Planning
Commission, "GR" General
Retail, 1st subject to the
parking, curb cuts, signs,
landscaping, setback, right-
of-way recommendations of
the U.S. 183 study.

Mr. Lillie, Director of Planning, reviewed the application and stated the applicant agrees with the recommendation of the Planning Commissiononly a portion of their land is in the city...the majority is out of the city.

Councilmember Mullen moved that the Council grant "GR" General Retail, 1st Height and Area District, as recommended by the Planning Commission, subject to conditions. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Himmelblau, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Snell, Trevino, Mayor McClellan, Mayor Pro Tem
Cooke, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Mullen

Noes: None

Absent: Councilmember Goodman

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "GR" General Retail, 1st Height and Area District, subject to conditions, and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance to cover.

GOVALLE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Council had before it the following resolutions:

Consider the following resolutions in order to comply with the requirements of the Texas Department of Water Resources and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for a Step 2 Grant for the improvements of the Govalle Wastewater Treatment Plant:

A resolution accepting the Step 1, Facility Plan and assuring that it will be carried out.

A resolution delegating a signature agent for the City.

A project schedule resolution.

and

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM - Consider approval of an amendment to existing Professional Services Agreement between Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc. and the City of Austin in connection with the design of Govalle Wastewater Treatment Plant Renovation. C.I.P. No. 73/59-03

Councilmember Himmelblau said she has looked at the cost of the design stage and wants to know why we are deviating from the policy we have had and what percentage this represents of the total project. She calculates it to be between 6 and 7%.

Mr. Davidson stated: "I don't believe this deviates from the policy in that this is not a new job. This is a second phase of work that has already been authorized by the City Council. Mr. Eldridge will speak as to why it is necessary to make the change at this time."

Mr. Eldridge, Director, Office of Facilities, Planning and Construction, said, "The question must be oriented toward the change in the scope of the project from the time the engineers were selected in 1973 until the present time. It has been changed tremendously because of the shortage of funds that were available in 1973. The CIP reflected in the era of 1971-72-73 showed the work at Govalle to be generally aeration changes and some plant modernization of equipment. But there was very little that could be done with the available funds. It was not based on what was needed but what was available in the way of funding." Councilmember Himmelblau asked if we are still with the original consultant. Mr. Eldridge answered yes..Parkhill, Smith and Cooper. They are from Lubbock and also have an El Paso office. Their work has really been outstanding. The need has been there for quite some time, its just been a matter of availability of funding. Mrs. Himmelblau asked how close to the \$710,000 he thought they would stay. Mr. Eldridge thought it would be very close because estimates have been well studied, based on a cost-plus fixed fee. It is fixed by the whole process and will not change. They will not make any more money no matter how big the project goes.

Mr. Davidson noted that about 75% of Step 2 can be funded by the Federal Government.

Motions

Councilmember Himmelblau moved that the Council adopt a resolution accepting the Step 1, Facility Plan and assuring that it will be carried out in order to comply with the requirements of the Texas Department of Water Resources and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for a Step 2 Grant for the improvements of the Govalle Wastewater Treatment Plant: The motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cooke, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor McClellan, Mayor Pro Tem Cooke, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Mullen, Snell, Trevino
 Noes: None
 Absent: Councilmember Goodman

Councilmember Himmelblau moved that the Council adopt a resolution delegating a signature agent for the City in order to comply with the requirements of the Texas Department of Water Resources and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for a Step 2 Grant for the improvements of the Govalle Wastewater Treatment Plant: The motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cooke, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor McClellan, Mayor Pro Tem Cooke, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Mullen, Snell, Trevino
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Goodman

Councilmember Himmelblau moved that the Council adopt a project schedule resolution in order to comply with the requirements of the Texas Department of Water Resources and the U.S. Governmental Protection Agency (EPA) for a Step 2 Grant for the improvements of the Govalle Wastewater Treatment Plant: The motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cooke, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor McClellan, Mayor Pro Tem Cooke, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Mullen, Snell, Trevino
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Goodman

Councilmember Himmelblau moved that the Council adopt a resolution to approve an amendment to existing Professional Services Agreement between Parkhill, Smith and Cooper, Inc. and the City of Austin in connection with the design of Govalle Wastewater Treatment Plant Renovation. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM No. 73/59-03. The motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cooke, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor McClellan, Mayor Pro Tem Cooke, Councilmembers Himmelblau, Mullen, Snell, Trevino
Noes: None
Absent: Councilmember Goodman

SHINOAK VALLEY APPROACH MAIN REQUEST POSTPONED

Council had before it for consideration a cost participation increase from \$241,188.98 to \$377,611.00 for two approach main requests for Shinoak Valley. Councilmember asked if Council is looking at oversize or at the same which was approved July 28, 1977.

Mr. Curtis Johnson, Director of Water and Wastewater, said there has been no change in the sizing of pipes. He said the conditions that represent the changes since the initial approval of the project in 1977 has been due to more delay and escalation has made a large effect on the increased cost. Secondly, the initial estimates, he feels, based on a normal sort of project...the project, as the plans were developed and as the easement acquisition proceeded, along with various environmental groups... there was a considerable amount of additional environmental concerns, creating hand work construction rather than the normal construction. He said these are the things which have created more cost in the project. He said there is some oversizing to serve the surrounding properties, however nothing changed in comparison with the original intent.

Councilmember Mullen asked if there is any way to determine what the environmental increase is.....he said 45% in two years is substantial. Mr. Johnson said the environmental increase is significant. "I think, and this is a guess, that the normal escalation probably amounted to 20% of that and the additional could be attributed to the environmental aspects of the project."

JOHN KNOLL, representing the applicant, stated the majority of the environmental concerns that were expressed were on the properties of Georgia Lucas and Mr. and Mrs. Eby. The line runs through a drainage way in the area. A portion runs along 2222, a less sensitive area. The kinds of things that had to be addressed was coordinated construction with the mating and reproductive schedule of bird life in the area. The surface of the drainage way which would be effected by the construction was severely limited and the width of the area that could be effected by construction equipment. The restoration was the most difficult and most complete of any he has ever seen on a project in the City of Austin. Mr. Johnson would verify there has never been anything done like this before. It is the most complete detailed restoration and sensitive to the general environmental considerations of the area that has ever been accomplished in the city. Mr. Knoll said 20% of the cost increase was due to the delay in getting everything worked out. The other 25% would be in consideration of these items.

Councilmember Himmelblau asked what company did the engineering. Mr. Knoll answered, Gerald Hart, Engineers. Councilmember Himmelblau said this is the same thing that happened on Spicewood Springs Road with the design and the delay and cost overrun. She said, "I think the concern for the environment is fine. I just don't like to see a 45% increase.I'm not going to argue the point, I pulled this to find out why, and I have."

Councilmember Mullen requested this item be postponed until August 9, 1979 so the developer can present a report to Council concerning the break down of costs. He wants to know how much goes to environmental control and how much for escalation.

WATER AND SEWER CONNECTION IN BEE CLIFF SUBDIVISION

Council had before it a resolution requesting approval for the connection of certain water and sewer in Bee Cliff Subdivision to the Los Altos Sewer Approach Main, as requested by G. Lee Swift. Councilmember Himmelblau wondered if the same fee in lieu of ad valorem tax could be applied here as in Boca Chica Apartments.

Mr. Curtis Johnson stated the staff did not have any mention in this proposal for any fees in lieu of ad valorem taxes similar to Boca Chica. He said the large distinction between the two situations is that the Boca Chica apartments exist inside another jurisdiction and there was no likelihood that area will ever be annexed by the City of Austin city limits but it is in our ETJ and can be annexed at any time Council chooses to do so. Councilmember Himmelblau asked how many other properties will want to come in under these same conditions. Mr. Johnson said there could be considerable additional areas that might be provided service from the line but they have not had any requests. He said the water will be purchased from the city so there would be a way of metering and charges will be out-of-city charges.

Motion

Councilmember Himmelblau moved that the Council adopt a resolution to approve the connection of certain water and sewer in Bee Cliff Subdivision to the Los Altos Sewer Approach Main, as requested by G. Lee Swift. The motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cooke, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Himmelblau, Mullen, Snell, Trevino, Mayor McClellan, Mayor Pro Tem Cooke
 Noes: None
 Absent: Councilmember Goodman

MONTHLY STATUS REPORT ON FAYETTE

Mr. R.L. Hancock gave the following monthly status report on Fayette:

Construction activity at the Fayette Power Project continued at a fast pace on Unit #2 during the past month.

Unit #1 was declared for commercial operation on June 16, 1979. The remaining work on Unit #1 continues to be some touchup painting work, landscaping work, road work, and parking lot finishing work. Unit #1 operated very well during the month of June supplying 103,805,000 kilowatt hours to Austin's system. This was 33% of Austin's net system kilowatt hour consumption during the month of June. Unit #1 operated at better than 70% capacity factor during the month.

Construction of Unit #2 is on schedule. Boiler hydro of Unit #2 is scheduled now for approximately August 1st. Work has started on induced fan foundations and the assembly of ash hoppers. Brown and Root had a total of 790 people working at the end of the month.

The project is continuing to receive coal routinely. The turnaround time on the coal hauling is decreasing slightly, but is still a concern to the project. A total of 5 more cars of coal were burned during the month of June than the amount of cars received.

Through the month of June, the City of Austin has expended \$179,033,325 to the construction of the project.

The construction of the transmission lines from the Austrop Substation to the Fayette Power Project is moving forward. The construction has been hampered somewhat by rains during the past two weeks. The present schedule for energizing this line is for the week ending July 27, 1979.

MONTHLY STATUS REPORT ON SOUTH TEXAS

Mr. R.L. Hancock presented the following monthly status report on South Texas:

Civil and structural work continues to be the main activity of construction at the South Texas Project with some mechanical and electrical work being done in various areas.

A total of 8,697 cubic yards of concrete was placed during the month, bringing the total amount placed to date to 370,736 cubic yards, or 60% of the estimated total requirement. A total of 29,430 cubic yards of fill material was placed on embankments during the month, bringing the total amount placed to date to 21,194,699 cubic yards or 99% of the estimated total requirement. A total of 4,432 cubic yards of soil cement was placed to date to 1,136,861 cubic yards or 92% of the estimated total requirement.

The reactor vessel for Unit #1 was set during the weekend of July 14-15. This is the first major component of the nuclear steam supply system to be set and this represents a major milestone in the development of the project. The setting of the major components of the nuclear steam supply system represents a transition from primarily civil oriented activity to a program embracing civil, mechanical, and electrical disciplines.

Mechanical work for Unit #1 in the form of installation of piping and setting of pumps is beginning to increase in activity. Installation of piping for various systems including potable water, chilled water, component cooling water, radioactive vents and drains, stainless steel drains and safety injection is in progress. Also, seven pumps for various auxiliary systems were set during the past month.

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CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

The river pump station is very near completion. Pre-operational testing and startup is in progress by Houston Lighting and Power Company. Completion of this facility is currently dependent on deliveries of remaining equipment. The reservoir is expected to be completed in July and pumping of river water to fill the reservoir can start any time thereafter.

The progress is also continuing on Unit #2. The sixth lift of the reactor containment building has been completed and work is in progress for preparation of pouring concrete for the seventh lift.

On June 22, 1979, Houston Lighting and Power Company, the Project Manager of the South Texas Project, temporarily suspended the placement of safety related concrete. The purpose of the suspension is to allow for a complete review of all concrete placement procedures for safety related concrete. Such a review was considered necessary by Houston Lighting and Power Company because of the identification of several voids in the 8th lift of Unit #1 reactor containment building. Those reviews were completed and the stop-work order was lifted on June 28, 1979, except for the reactor containment building exterior shell wall placement. Some portions of the concrete placement on the reactor containment building exterior shell wall are extremely complex and Houston Lighting and Power Company has not yet completed their evaluation of these concrete placements.

The contractor and sub-contractor had a total of 4,182 people on the site as of July 2, 1979. Construction on the project continues to be basically on a forty-hour week with some overtime being worked by some personnel in various areas of the project when the need arises. The project is currently on a 2-shift basis.

The revised base line data is currently expected to be ready for review in September. Additional time has been required to complete this work because of the complexity and size of the project and because of the necessary effort to insure accuracy of the revised schedule and estimate.

Schedule-wise, Unit #1 continues to be increasingly tight with Unit #2 appearing to be on schedule, or slightly ahead of schedule. Engineering and vendor performance continue to be the major critical path items. Both the Project Manager and the engineer-constructor are working to expedite activity in both of these areas. Previously, job site construction shift work has been reduced in accordance with engineering capability and vendor supply capability. Improvements in both these areas must be accomplished if Unit #1 schedule is to be maintained. The good rate of progress being achieved on Unit #2 is primarily a result of the advantages gained from engineering and construction lessons learned on Unit #1.

As of the end of June, 1979, Austin's incurred cost for its 16% share of the project is approximately \$156,814,310.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Councilmember Mullen moved that the Council confirm the appointment of Ms. Betty Wilson to the Civil Service Commission; term to expire in May, 1980. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Himmelblau, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Himmelblau, Mullen, Snell, Trevino, Mayor McClellan, Mayor Pro Tem Cooke

Noes: None

Absent: Councilmember Goodman

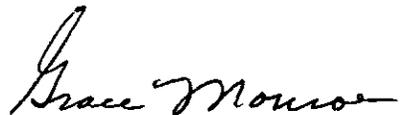
ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned its meeting at 11:40 A.M.

APPROVED


Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk